



Bayesian sparsity enforcing methods for general inverse problems

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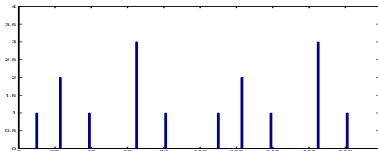
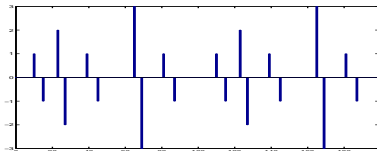
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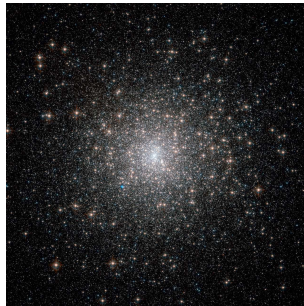
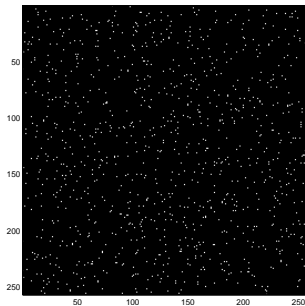
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1. Sparse signals and images

► Sparse signals: Direct sparsity

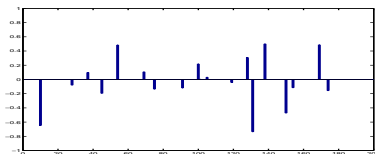
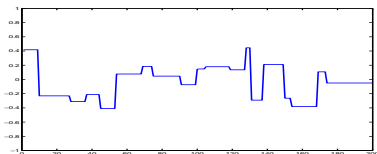


► Sparse images: Direct sparsity

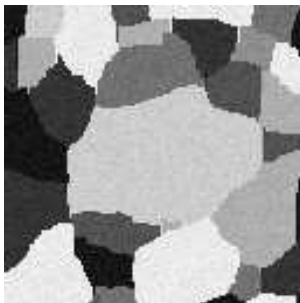


Sparse signals and images

- Sparse signals in a Transform domain

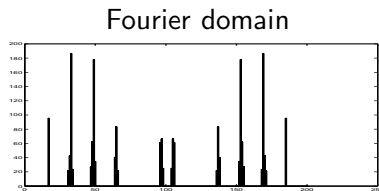
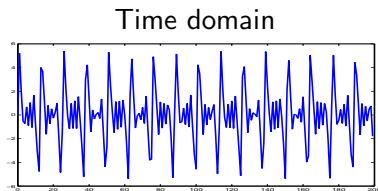


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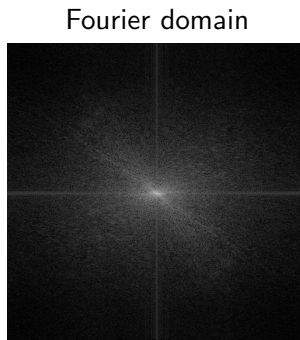
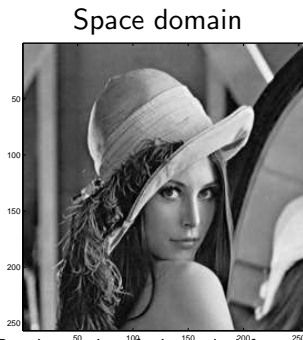


Sparse signals and images

► Sparse signals in Fourier domain

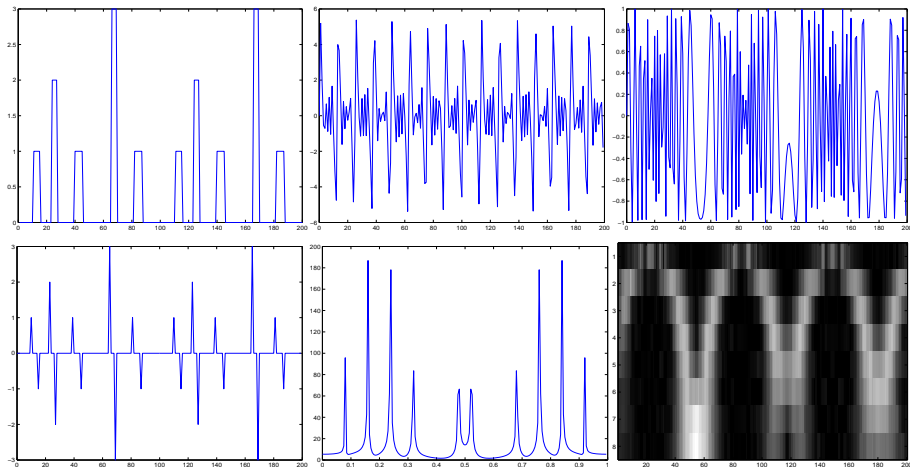


► Sparse images in wavelet domain

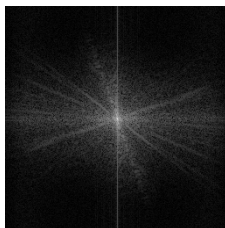
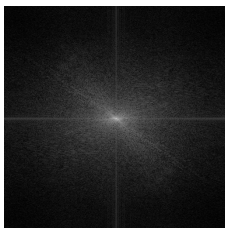
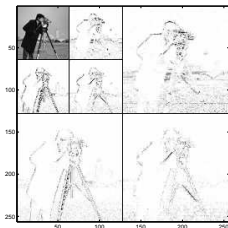
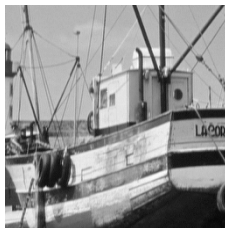


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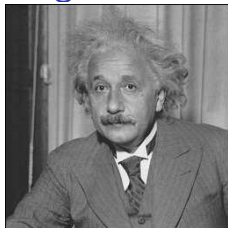
► Sparse signals: Sparsity in a Transform domain



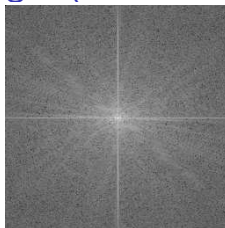
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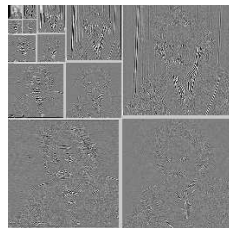
Sparse signals and images (Fourier and Wavelets domain)



Image



Fourier



Wavelets

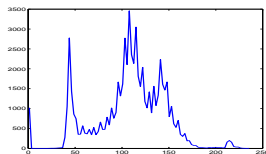
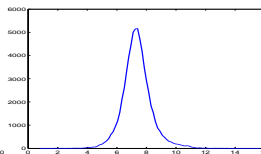
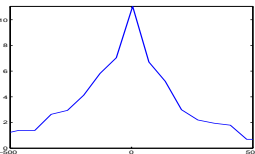


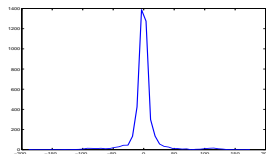
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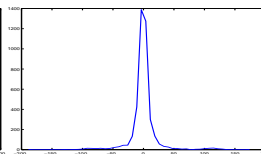
Fourier coeff. hist.



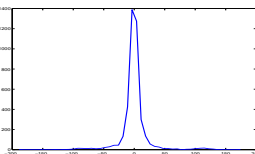
Wavelet coeff. hist.



bands 1-3



bands 4-6



bands 7-9

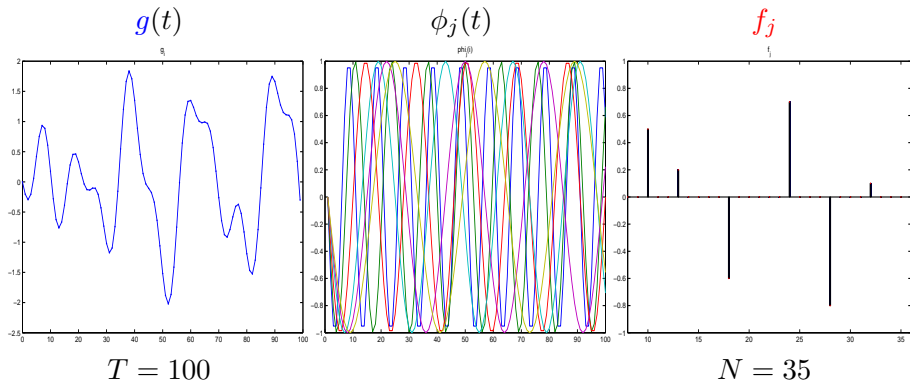
2. First ideas: some history

- ▶ 1948: Shannon:
Sampling theorem and reconstruction of a band limited signal
- ▶ 1993-2007:
 - ▶ Mallat, Zhang, Candès, Romberg, Tao and Baraniuk:
Non linear sampling, Compression and reconstruction,
 - ▶ Fuch: Sparse representation
 - ▶ Donoho, Elad, Tibshirani, Tropp, Duarte, Laska:
Compressive Sampling, Compressive Sensing
- ▶ 2007-2012:
Algorithms for sparse representation and compressive
Sampling: Matching Pursuit (MP), Projection Pursuit
Regression, Pure Greedy Algorithm, OMP, Basis Pursuit
(BP), Dantzig Selector (DS), Least Absolute Shrinkage and
Selection Operator (LASSO), Iterative Hard Thresholding...
- ▶ 2003-2012:
Bayesian approach to sparse modeling
Tipping, Bishop: Sparse Bayesian Learning,
Relevance Vector Machine (RVM), ...

3. Modeling and representation

- Modeling via a basis
(codebook, overcomplete dictionary, Design Matrix)

$$g(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \phi_j(t), \quad t = 1, \dots, T \longrightarrow \mathbf{g} = \Phi' \mathbf{f}$$



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- When $T \geq N$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_j = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}_j} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^T \left| \mathbf{g}(t) - \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{f}_j \phi_j(t) \right|^2 \right\} \longrightarrow$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 \} = [\Phi \Phi']^{-1} \Phi \mathbf{g}$$

- When orthogonal basis: $\Phi \Phi' = \mathbf{I} \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \Phi \mathbf{g}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_j = \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbf{g}(t) \phi_j(t) = \langle \mathbf{g}(t), \phi_j(t) \rangle$$

- Application in **Compression**, Transmission and Decompression

Modeling and representation

- ▶ When overcomplete basis $N > T$: Infinite number of solutions for $\Phi' \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$. We have to select one:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}: \Phi' \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}} \{ \|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 \}$$

or writing differently:

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 \text{ subject to } \Phi' \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$$

resulting to:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \Phi[\Phi' \Phi]^{-1} \mathbf{g}$$

- ▶ Again if $\Phi' \Phi = \mathbf{I} \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \Phi \mathbf{g}$.
- ▶ No real interest if we have to keep all the N coefficients:
- ▶ Sparsity:

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{f}\|_0 \text{ subject to } \Phi' \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$$

or

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 \text{ subject to } \Phi' \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$$

Sparse decomposition

- ▶ Strict sparsity and exact reconstruction

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{f}\|_0 \text{ subject to } \Phi' \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$$

$\|\mathbf{f}\|_0$ is the number of non-zero elements of \mathbf{f}

- ▶ Matching Pursuit (MP) [Mallat & Zhang, 1993]
 - ▶ Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP) [Lin, Huang et al., 1993]
 - ▶ Projection Pursuit Regression
 - ▶ Greedy Algorithms
 - ▶ Iterative Hard Thresholding (IHT) [Marvasti et al]
- ▶ Sparsity enforcing and exact reconstruction

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 \text{ subject to } \Phi' \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$$

- ▶ Basis Pursuit (BP)
- ▶ Block Coordinate Relaxation

Sparse decomposition

- Strict sparsity and approximate reconstruction

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{f}\|_0 \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 < c$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ \|\mathbf{f}\|_0 + \mu \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 \} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_0 \}$$

- Sparsity enforcing and approximate reconstruction

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 \}$$

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \sum_j |f_j|$$

- Main Algorithm: LASSO [Tibshirani 2003]

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 < \tau$$

Sparse Decomposition Algorithms

- ▶ LASSO:

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \sum_j |\mathbf{f}_j|$$

- ▶ Other Criteria

- ▶ L_p

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_j |\mathbf{f}_j|^p, \quad 1 < p \leq 2$$

- ▶ Elastic net

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \sum_j (\lambda_1 |\mathbf{f}_j| + \lambda_2 |\mathbf{f}_j|^2)$$

- ▶ Group LASSO

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_j |\mathbf{f}_j| + \lambda_2 \sum_j |\mathbf{f}_j - \mathbf{f}_{j-1}|^2$$

- ▶ Weighted L1:

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \sum_j |w_j \mathbf{f}_j|$$

Multi Dimensional signals: PCA, SPCA, BSS, ...

$$g_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \Phi_{ij} f_j(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, M, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$g(t) = \Phi f(t), \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$G = \Phi F, \quad \text{with } G [M \times T], \quad \Phi [M \times N], \quad F [N \times T]$$

- ▶ $f_j(t)$ factors, sources, codes
- ▶ Φ Loading matrix (Factor Analysis),
Mixing matrix (Blind Sources Separation),
Design matrix (Sparse coding, Compressed Sensing)
- ▶ Objective: Find Φ and $f_j(t)$

$$J(f(t), \Phi) = \sum_t \|g(t) - \Phi f(t)\|^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_i \sum_j |\Phi_{ij}| + \lambda_2 \sum_t \sum_j |f_j(t)|$$

$$J(F, \Phi) = \|G - \Phi F\|^2 + \lambda_1 \|\Phi\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|F\|_1$$

Matrix Decomposition or Approximation

- ▶ Matrix approximation:

Find an approximate matrix $\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{F}$ for \mathbf{G} with some degrees of sparsity in the elements of $\mathbf{\Phi}$ and \mathbf{F} .

$$J(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{\Phi}) = \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{F}\|^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{F}\|_1$$

- ▶ Low rank Matrice decomposition:

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \sum_{k=1}^K d_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}$$

with some degrees of sparsity in the elements of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

$$J(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}\|^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{U}\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{V}\|_1$$

4. Sparse decomposition: Bayesian MAP interpretation

- Sparsity enforcing and approximate reconstruction

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 \}$$

- Equivalent to MAP estimate in a Bayesian approach

- Bayesian approach: $\mathbf{g} = \Phi' \mathbf{f} + \epsilon$

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f})}{p(\mathbf{g})} \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f})$$

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}|\Phi' \mathbf{f}, \sigma_\epsilon^2) \propto \exp \left[\frac{-1}{2\sigma_\epsilon^2} \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 \right] \\ p(\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{DE}(\mathbf{f}|\gamma) \propto \exp [\gamma \|\mathbf{f}\|_1] \end{cases}$$

- Maximum A Posteriori (MAP):

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) \} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ J(\mathbf{f}) \}$$

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda = 2\gamma\sigma_\epsilon^2$$

Sparse decomposition: Regularization or MAP

- ▶ **Regularization:** $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$
- ▶ With fixed λ : Find a good **optimization algorithm**
- ▶ How to choose λ ?
- ▶ L-Curve, Cross Validation, adhoc $\lambda = 1, \dots$
- ▶

- ▶ **MAP:** $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \Phi' \mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$ with $\lambda = 2\gamma\sigma_\epsilon^2$
- ▶ How to estimate γ and σ_ϵ^2 ?
- ▶ Bayesian: Joint MAP, Expectation-Maximization, MCMC, Variational Bayesian Approximation,...
- ▶ Advantages of the Bayesian approach:
 - ▶ More probabilistic modeling for sparsity enforcing
 - ▶ Hyperparameter estimation
 - ▶ Uncertainty handling

5. Sparsity enforcing prior models

- ▶ Simple heavy tailed models:
 - ▶ Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential
 - ▶ Student-t, Cauchy
 - ▶ Elastic net
 - ▶ Generalized hyperbolic
 - ▶ Symmetric Weibull, Symmetric Rayleigh
- ▶ Hierarchical mixture models:
 - ▶ Mixture of Gaussians
 - ▶ Bernoulli-Gaussian
 - ▶ Mixture of Gammas
 - ▶ Bernoulli-Gamma
 - ▶ Mixture of Dirichlet
 - ▶ Bernoulli-Multinomial

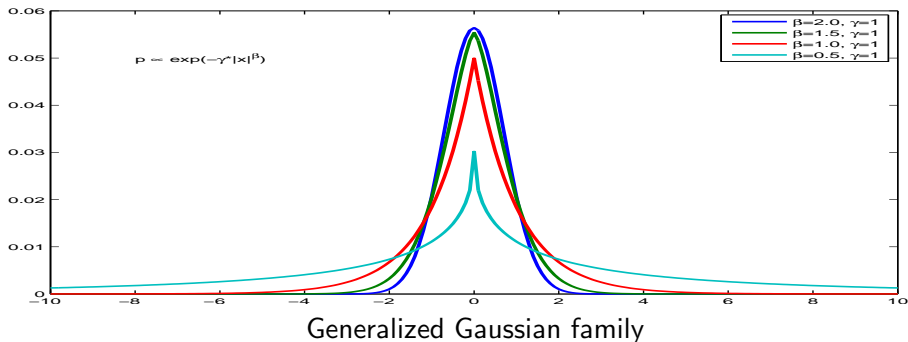
Simple heavy tailed models

- Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\gamma, \beta) = \prod_j \mathcal{GG}(f_j|\gamma, \beta) \propto \exp \left[-\gamma \sum_j |f_j|^\beta \right]$$

$\beta = 1$ Double exponential or Laplace.

$0 < \beta < 2$ are of great interest for sparsity enforcing.

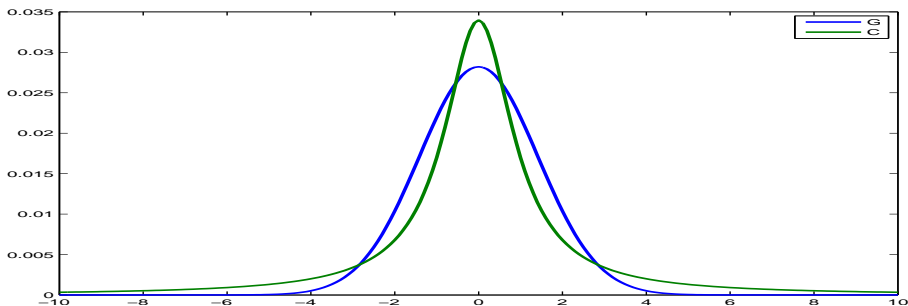


Simple heavy tailed models

- Student-t and Cauchy models

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\nu) = \prod_j \mathcal{St}(f_j|\nu) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{\nu+1}{2} \sum_j \log(1 + f_j^2/\nu) \right]$$

Cauchy model is obtained when $\nu = 1$.

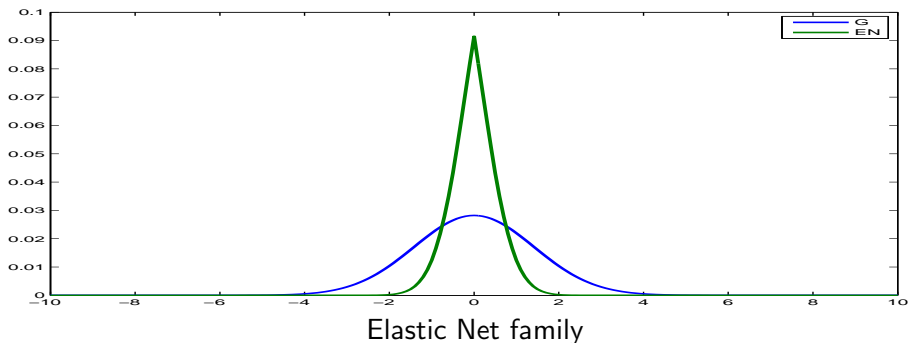


Student-t and Cauchy families

Simple heavy tailed models

- Elastic net prior model

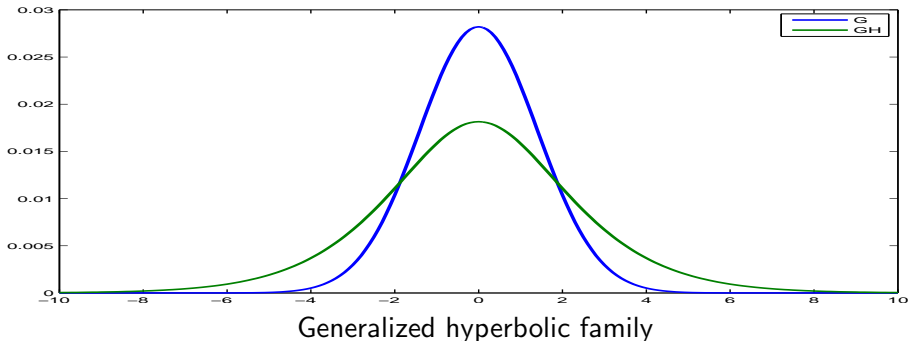
$$p(\mathbf{f}|\nu) = \prod_j \mathcal{EN}(f_j|\nu) \propto \exp \left[- \sum_j (\gamma_1 |f_j| + \gamma_2 f_j^2) \right]$$



Simple heavy tailed models

- Generalized hyperbolic (GH) models

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\delta, \nu, \beta) = \prod_j (\delta^2 + f_j^2)^{(\nu-1/2)/2} \exp[\beta x] K_{\nu-1/2}(\alpha \sqrt{\delta^2 + f_j^2})$$



Simple heavy tailed models

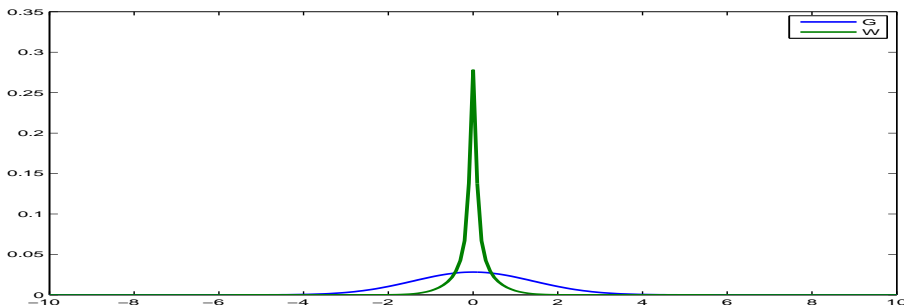
- Symmetric Weibull

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\gamma, \beta) = \prod_j \mathcal{W}(f_j|\gamma, \beta) \propto \exp \left[-\gamma \sum_j |f_j|^\beta + (\beta - 1) \log |f_j| \right]$$

$\beta = 2$ is the Symmetric Rayleigh distribution.

$\beta = 1$ is the Double exponential and

$0 < \beta < 2$ are of great interest for sparsity enforcing.



Symmetric Weibull family

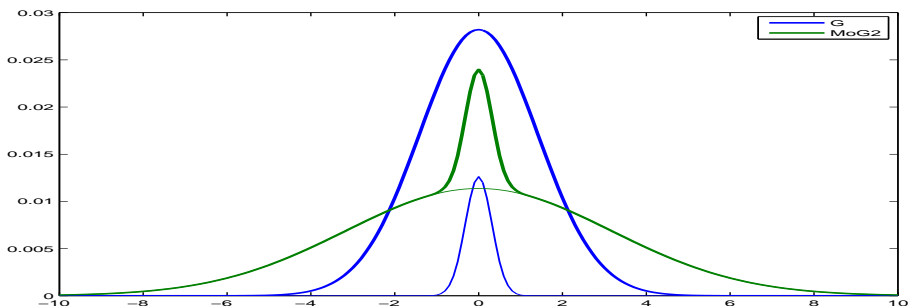
Mixture models

- Mixture of two Gaussians (MoG2) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\alpha, v_1, v_0) = \prod_j [\alpha \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1) + (1 - \alpha) \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0)]$$

- Bernoulli-Gaussian (BG) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\alpha, v) = \prod_j p(f_j) = \prod_j [\alpha \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v) + (1 - \alpha) \delta(f_j)]$$



Mixture of 2 Gaussians families

- Mixture of Gammas

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, v_1, v_0) = \prod_j [\lambda \mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha_1, \beta_1) + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha_2, \beta_2)]$$

- Bernoulli-Gamma model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, \alpha, \beta) = \prod_j [\lambda \mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha, \beta) + (1 - \lambda) \delta(f_j)]$$

- Mixture of Dirichlets model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, \mathbf{H}_1, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1, \mathbf{H}_2, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2) = \prod_j [\lambda \mathcal{D}(f_j|\mathbf{H}_1, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1) + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{D}(f_j|\mathbf{H}_2, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2)]$$

$$\mathcal{D}(f_j|\mathbf{H}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_k)}{\Gamma(\alpha_0)\Gamma(\alpha_K)} a_k^{\alpha_k-1}, \quad \alpha_k \geq 0, \quad a_k \geq 0$$

where $\mathbf{H} = \{a_1, \dots, a_K\}$ and $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K\}$
with $\sum_k \alpha_k = \alpha$ and $\sum_k a_k = 1$.

- Bernoulli-Multinomial (BMultinomial) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, \mathbf{H}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \prod_j [\lambda \delta(f_j) + (1 - \lambda) \text{Mult}(f_j|\mathbf{H}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})]$$

Hierarchical models and hidden variables

- ▶ All the mixture models and some of simple models can be modeled via **hidden variables \mathbf{z}** .

$$p(f) = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k p_k(f) \longrightarrow \begin{cases} p(f|\mathbf{z} = k) = p_k(f), \\ P(\mathbf{z} = k) = \alpha_k, \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = 1 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Example 1: MoG model: $p_k(f) = \mathcal{N}(f|m_k, v_k)$
2 Gaussians: $p_0 = \mathcal{N}(0, v_0), p_1 = \mathcal{N}(0, v_1), \alpha_0 = \lambda, \alpha_1 = 1 - \lambda$

$$p(f_j|\lambda, v_1, v_0) = \lambda \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1) + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0)$$

$$\begin{cases} p(f_j|\mathbf{z}_j = 0, v_0) = \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0), \\ p(f_j|\mathbf{z}_j = 1, v_1) = \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1), \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} P(\mathbf{z}_j = 0) = \lambda, \\ P(\mathbf{z}_j = 1) = 1 - \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_j p(f_j|\mathbf{z}_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_{\mathbf{z}_j}) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{f_j^2}{v_{\mathbf{z}_j}} \right] \\ p(\mathbf{z}) = \lambda^{n_1} (1 - \lambda)^{n_0}, \quad n_1 = \sum_j \delta(\mathbf{z}_j - 1), \quad n_0 = \sum_j \delta(\mathbf{z}_j) \end{cases}$$

Hierarchical models and hidden variables

► Example 2: Student-t model

$$St(f|\nu) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{\nu+1}{2} \log (1 + f^2/\nu) \right]$$

► Infinite mixture

$$St(f|\nu) \propto \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(f|, 0, 1/z) \mathcal{G}(z|\alpha, \beta) dz, \quad \text{with } \alpha = \beta = \nu/2$$

$$p(f|z) = \mathcal{N}(f|0, 1/z), \quad p(z) = \mathcal{G}(z|\alpha, \beta)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) &= \prod_j p(f_j|z_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, 1/z_j) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_j z_j f_j^2 \right] \\ p(\mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_j \mathcal{G}(z_j|\alpha, \beta) \propto \prod_j z_j^{(\alpha-1)} \exp [-\beta z_j] \\ &\propto \exp \left[\sum_j (\alpha-1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j \right] \\ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) &\propto \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_j z_j f_j^2 + (\alpha-1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j \right] \end{array} \right.$$

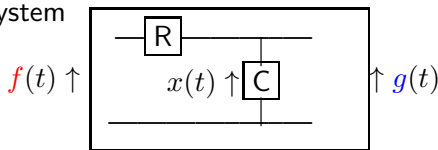
Inverse Problems

Three main examples

- ▶ Example 1: Instrumentation
 - ▶ $f(t)$ input of the instrument
 - ▶ $g(t)$ output of the instrument
- ▶ Example 2: **Seeing outside of a body**: Making an image using a camera, a microscope or a telescope
 - ▶ $f(x, y)$ real scene
 - ▶ $g(x, y)$ observed image
- ▶ Example 3: **Seeing inside of a body**: Computed Tomography using X rays, US, Microwave, etc.
 - ▶ $f(x, y)$ a section of a real 3D body $f(x, y, z)$
 - ▶ $g_\phi(r)$ a line of observed radiographie $g_\phi(r, z)$
- ▶ Example 1: **Deconvolution**
- ▶ Example 2: **Image restoration**
- ▶ Example 3: **Image reconstruction**

Instrumentation

A simple electric system



$$f(t) = R i(t) + v_c(t) = RC \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} + x(t), \quad RC = 1$$

► Differential Equation Modelling

$$\frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} + x(t) = f(t), \quad x(t) = g(t)$$

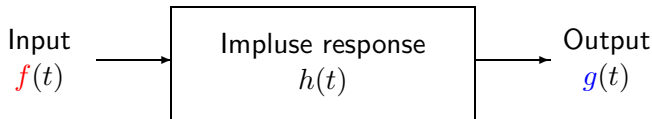
► State Space Modelling

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} = -x(t) + f(t) \\ g(t) = x(t) \end{cases}$$

► Input-Output Modelling

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t} = -x(t) + f(t) \\ g(t) = x(t) \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} pX(p) = -X(p) + F(p) \rightarrow X(p) = \frac{1}{p+1}F(p) \\ g(t) = x(t) = h(t) * f(t), \quad h(t) = \exp[-t] \end{cases}$$

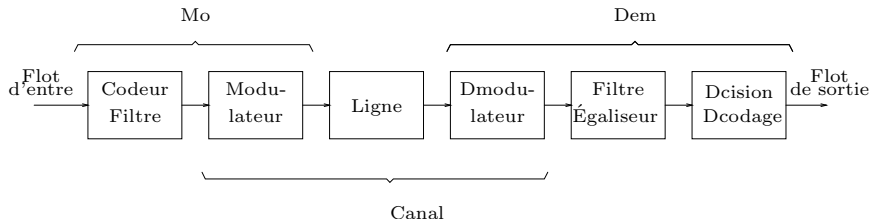
Instrumentation



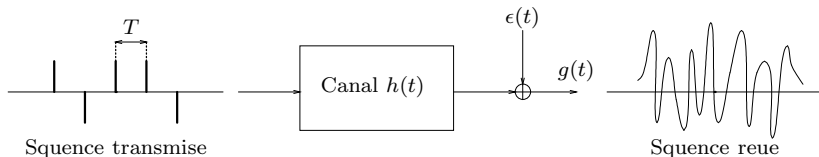
- ▶ Ideal Instrument $g(t) = f(t)$ does not exist.
- ▶ A linear and time invariant instrument is characterized by its impulse response $h(t)$.
- ▶ Ideal Instrument $h(t) = \delta(t)$ does not exist.
- ▶ **Forward problem:** $f(t), h(t) \longrightarrow g(t) = h(t) * f(t)$
- ▶ Two linked problems in instrumentation:
 - ▶ **Inversion:** $g(t), h(t) \longrightarrow f(t)$
 - ▶ **Identification:** $g(t), f(t) \longrightarrow h(t)$

Telecommunication: transmission channel compensation

► Data transmission System



► Channel Model: convolution + noise



Seeing outside of a body: Making an image with a camera, a microscope or a telescope

- ▶ $f(x, y)$ real scene
- ▶ $g(x, y)$ observed image
- ▶ Forward model: Convolution



$$g(x, y) = \iint f(x', y') h(x - x', y - y') dx' dy' + \epsilon(x, y)$$

$h(x, y)$: Point Spread Function (PSF) of the imaging system

- ▶ Inverse problem: Image restoration

Given the forward model \mathcal{H} (PSF $h(x, y)$)

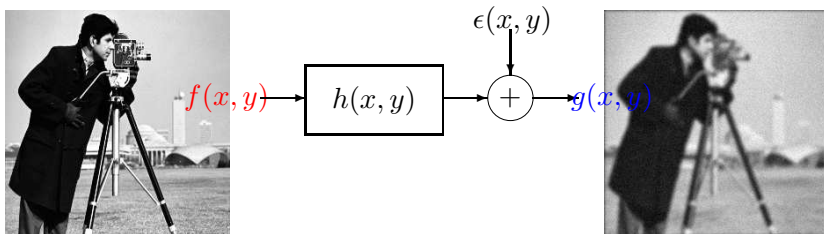
and a set of data $g(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, M$

find $f(x, y)$

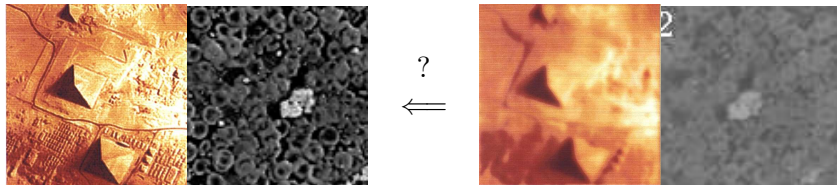
Making an image with an unfocused camera

Forward model: 2D Convolution

$$g(x, y) = \iint f(x', y') h(x - x', y - y') dx' dy' + \epsilon(x, y)$$



Inversion: Image Deconvolution or Restoration



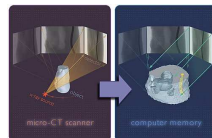
Seeing inside of a body: Computed Tomography

- ▶ $f(x, y)$ a section of a real 3D body $f(x, y, z)$
- ▶ $g_\phi(r)$ a line of observed radiographie $g_\phi(r, z)$
- ▶ Forward model:
Line integrals or Radon Transform

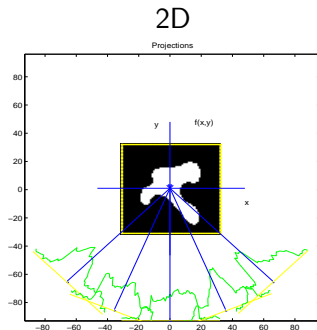
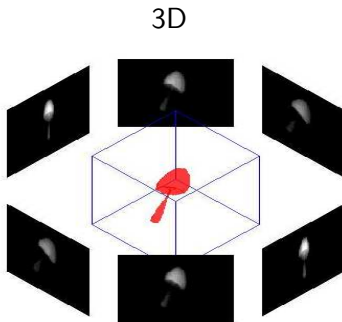
$$\begin{aligned} g_\phi(r) &= \int_{L_{r,\phi}} f(x, y) \, dl + \epsilon_\phi(r) \\ &= \iint f(x, y) \delta(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi) \, dx \, dy + \epsilon_\phi(r) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Inverse problem: Image reconstruction

Given the forward model \mathcal{H} (Radon Transform) and
a set of data $g_{\phi_i}(r), i = 1, \dots, M$
find $f(x, y)$



2D and 3D Computed Tomography

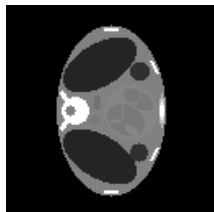
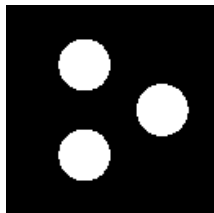


$$g_{\phi}(r_1, r_2) = \int_{\mathcal{L}_{r_1, r_2, \phi}} f(x, y, z) \, dl \quad g_{\phi}(r) = \int_{\mathcal{L}_{r, \phi}} f(x, y) \, dl$$

Forward problem: $f(x, y)$ or $f(x, y, z) \longrightarrow g_{\phi}(r)$ or $g_{\phi}(r_1, r_2)$

Inverse problem: $g_{\phi}(r)$ or $g_{\phi}(r_1, r_2) \longrightarrow f(x, y)$ or $f(x, y, z)$

Computed Tomography: Radon Transform



Forward:

$$f(x, y)$$



$$g(r, \phi)$$

Inverse:

$$f(x, y)$$



$$g(r, \phi)$$

Linear Inverse Problems

$$g(\mathbf{s}_i) = \int h(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \epsilon(\mathbf{s}_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

- ▶ $f(\mathbf{r})$ is assumed to be well approximated by

$$f(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \phi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

with $\{\phi_j(\mathbf{r})\}$ a basis or any other set of known functions

$$g(\mathbf{s}_i) = g_i \simeq \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \int h(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{r}) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}, \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

$$g = Hf + \epsilon \quad \text{with} \quad H_{ij} = \int h(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{r}) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

- ▶ H is huge dimensional
- ▶ Regularization : $\hat{f} = \arg \min_f \{J(f)\}$ with

$$J(f) = \|g - Hf\|^2 + \lambda \|f\|_1$$

Linear Inverse problems with Hierarchical prior models

Linear inverse problems:

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Likelihood:

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \sigma_{\epsilon}^2 \mathbf{I})$$

- ▶ Simple priors

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$$

- ▶ Hierarchical priors

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3)$$

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\Phi}'\mathbf{z}, \sigma_f^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ p(\mathbf{z}) &= \prod_j p(\mathbf{z}_j) \end{cases}$$

Linear Inverse problems with Hierarchical prior models

Linear inverse problems:

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon$$

Likelihood:

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I})$$

► With Hyperparameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ we have:

► Simple priors

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

► Hierarchical priors

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Bayesian Computation and Algorithms

- ▶ When the expression of $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ or of $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ is obtained, we have following options:
- ▶ **Joint MAP:** (needs optimization algorithms)

$$(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})\}$$

- ▶ **MCMC:** Needs the expressions of the conditionals $p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g})$, $p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g})$, and $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{g})$
- ▶ **Variational Bayesian Approximation (VBA):**
Approximate $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ by a separable one

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

and do any computations with these separable ones.

Joint MAP

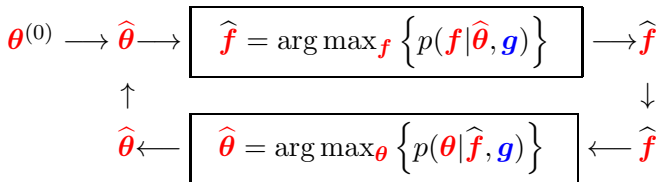
$$p(\textcolor{red}{f}, \textcolor{red}{\theta} | \textcolor{blue}{g}) \propto p(\textcolor{blue}{g} | \textcolor{red}{f}, \textcolor{red}{\theta}_1) p(\textcolor{red}{f} | \textcolor{red}{\theta}_2) p(\textcolor{red}{\theta})$$

- Objective:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})\}$$

- ▶ Alternate optimization:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} | \mathbf{g}) \right\} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ p(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \right\} \end{cases}$$



- Uncertainties are not propagated.

MCMC based algorithm

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{z}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

General scheme (Gibbs Sampling):

- ▶ Generate samples from the conditionals:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} \sim p(\mathbf{f} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{z}} \sim p(\mathbf{z} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sim p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g})$$

- ▶ Waite for convergency
- ▶ Compute empirical statistics (means, modes, variances) from the samples

$$\mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{f} \} \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \mathbf{f}^{(n)}$$

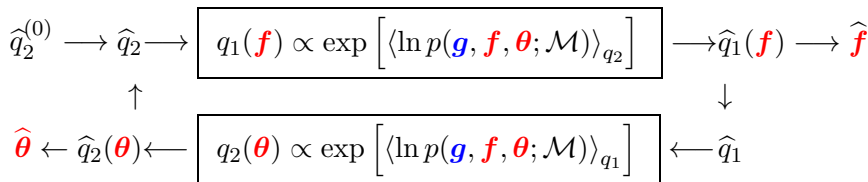
Variational Bayesian Approximation

- ▶ Approximate $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ by $q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{g}) q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ and then continue computations.
- ▶ Criterion $\text{KL}(q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) : p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}))$

$$\text{KL}(q : p) = \iint q \ln \frac{q}{p} = \iint q_1 q_2 \ln \frac{q_1 q_2}{p}$$

- ▶ Iterative algorithm $q_1 \longrightarrow q_2 \longrightarrow q_1 \longrightarrow q_2, \dots$

$$\begin{cases} q_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp \left[\langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \right] \\ q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \exp \left[\langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_1(\mathbf{f})} \right] \end{cases}$$

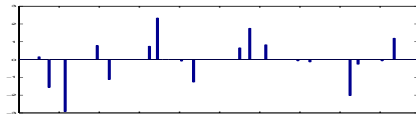


- ▶ Uncertainties are propagated (Message Passing methods)

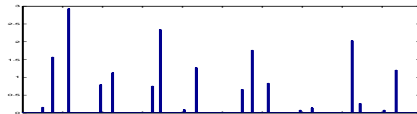
Advantages of the Bayesian Approach

- ▶ More possibilities to model sparsity
- ▶ More tools to handle hyperparameters
- ▶ More tools to account for uncertainties
- ▶ More possibilities to understand and to control many ad hoc deterministic algorithms
- ▶ Hierarchical models give still more modeling possibilities
 - ▶ Bernouilli-Gaussian: strict sparsity
 - ▶ Bernouilli-Gamma: strict sparsity + positivity
 - ▶ Bernouilli-Multinomial: strict sparsity + discrete values (finite states)
 - ▶ Independent Mixture models: sparsity enforcing
 - ▶ Mixture of multivariate models: group sparsity enforcing
 - ▶ Gauss-Markov-Potts models: sparsity in transform domains

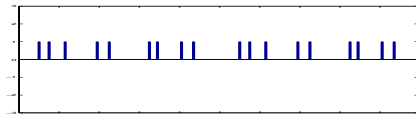
Examples of Hierarchical models



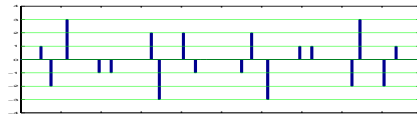
Bernoulli-Gaussian



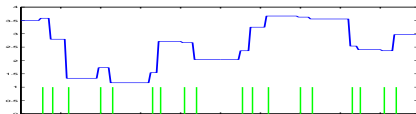
Bernoulli-Gamma



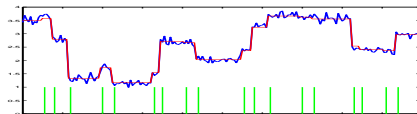
Bernoulli-Binomial



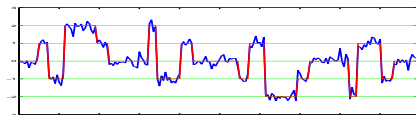
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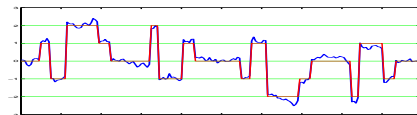
Piecewise constant



Piecewise Gaussian

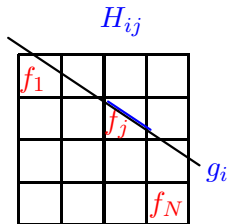
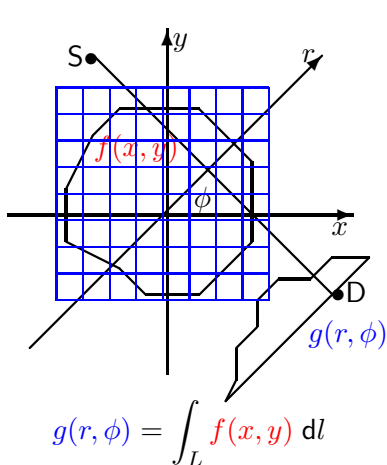


Gauss-Markov-Potts 1



Gauss-Markov-Potts 2

Computed Tomography: Discretization



$$f(x, y) = \sum_j f_j b_j(x, y)$$

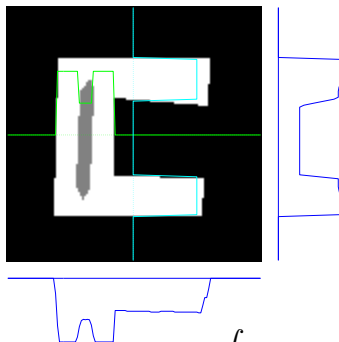
$$b_j(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \text{pixel } j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$g_i = \sum_{j=1}^N H_{ij} f_j + \epsilon_i$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Application of CT in NDT

Reconstruction from only 2 projections

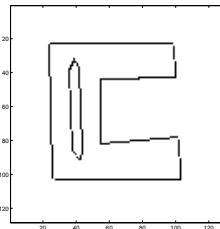
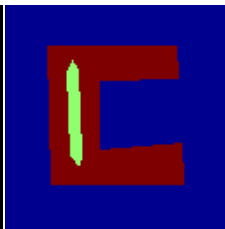
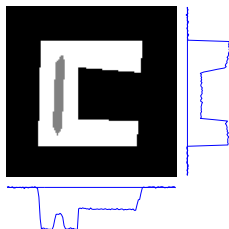


$$g_1(x) = \int f(x, y) \, dy, \quad g_2(y) = \int f(x, y) \, dx$$

- ▶ Given the marginals $g_1(x)$ and $g_2(y)$ find the joint distribution $f(x, y)$.
- ▶ Infinite number of solutions : $f(x, y) = g_1(x) g_2(y) \Omega(x, y)$
 $\Omega(x, y)$ is a Copula:

$$\int \Omega(x, y) \, dx = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int \Omega(x, y) \, dy = 1$$

Application in CT



$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f} \\ & \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \\ & \mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H} \mathbf{f}, \sigma_{\epsilon}^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ & \text{Gaussian} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z} \\ & \text{iid Gaussian} \\ & \text{or} \\ & \text{Gauss-Markov} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{z} \\ & \text{iid} \\ & \text{or} \\ & \text{Potts} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{c} \\ & q(\mathbf{r}) \in \{0, 1\} \\ & 1 - \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}')) \\ & \text{binary} \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Proposed algorithms

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

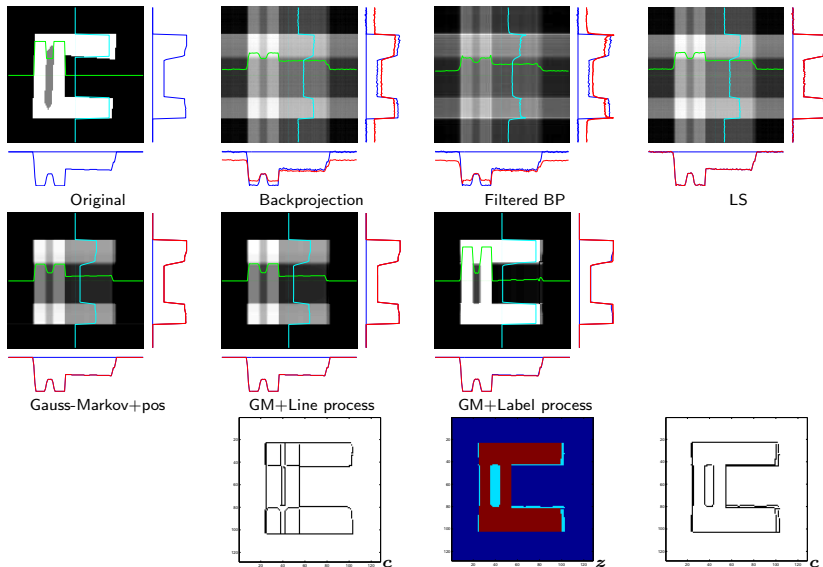
- MCMC based general scheme:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} \sim p(\mathbf{f} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{z}} \sim p(\mathbf{z} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sim (\boldsymbol{\theta} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g})$$

Iterative algorithm:

- ▶ Estimate \mathbf{f} using $p(\mathbf{f} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{f} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$
Needs **optimisation** of a quadratic criterion.
- ▶ Estimate \mathbf{z} using $p(\mathbf{z} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) p(\mathbf{z})$
Needs **sampling of a Potts Markov field**.
- ▶ Estimate $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ using
 $p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \hat{\mathbf{f}}, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I}) p(\hat{\mathbf{f}} | \hat{\mathbf{z}}, (m_k, v_k)) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$
Conjugate priors \longrightarrow **analytical expressions**.
- Variational Bayesian Approximation
 - ▶ Approximate $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ by $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

Results

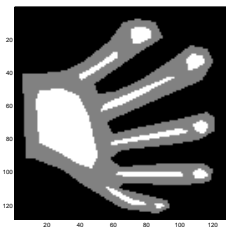


Application in Microwave imaging

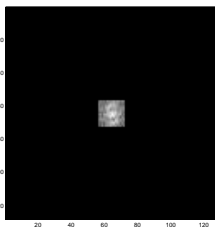
$$g(\omega) = \int f(\mathbf{r}) \exp[-j(\omega \cdot \mathbf{r})] d\mathbf{r} + \epsilon(\omega)$$

$$g(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp[-j(ux + vy)] dx dy + \epsilon(u, v)$$

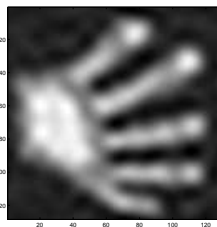
$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$



$f(x, y)$



$g(u, v)$



\hat{f} IFT



\hat{f} Proposed method

Images fusion and joint segmentation

(with O. Féron)

$$\begin{cases} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = f_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2) \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|z) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|z) \end{cases}$$



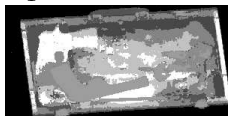
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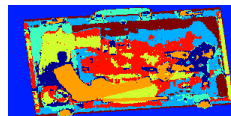
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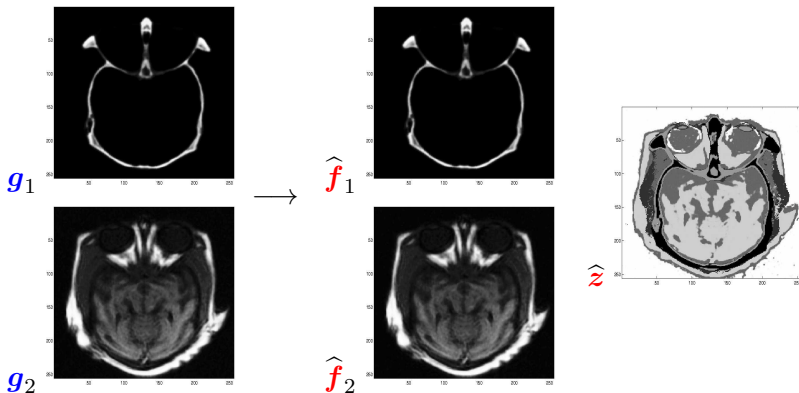


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Data fusion in medical imaging

(with O. Féron)

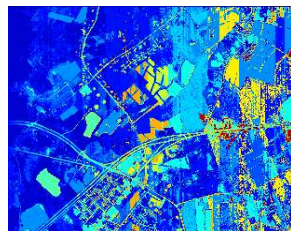
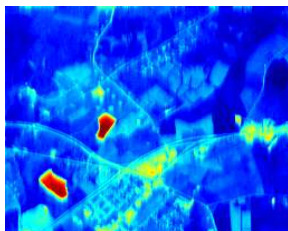
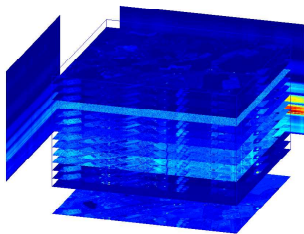
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Joint segmentation of hyper-spectral images

(with N. Bali & A. Mohammadpour)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2), \quad k = 1, \dots, K \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|\mathbf{z}) \\ m_{ik} \text{ follow a Markovian model along the index } i \end{array} \right.$$



Segmentation of a video sequence of images

(with P. Brault)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = f_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z_i(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2), \quad k = 1, \dots, K \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|\mathbf{z}_i) \\ z_i(\mathbf{r}) \text{ follow a Markovian model along the index } i \end{array} \right.$$

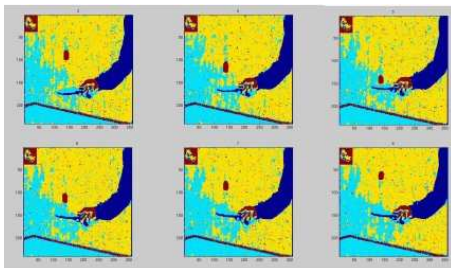
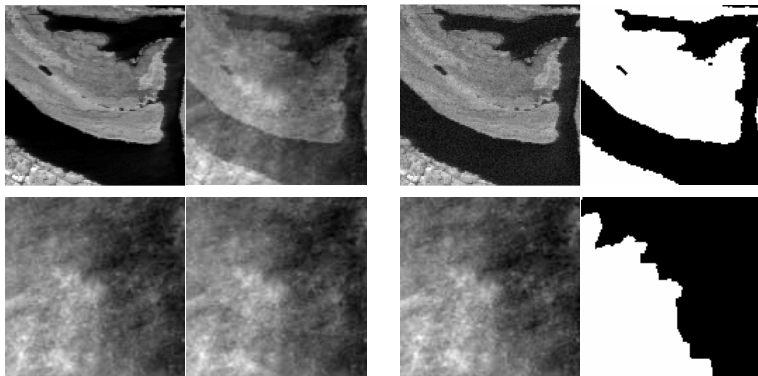


Image separation in Sattelite imaging

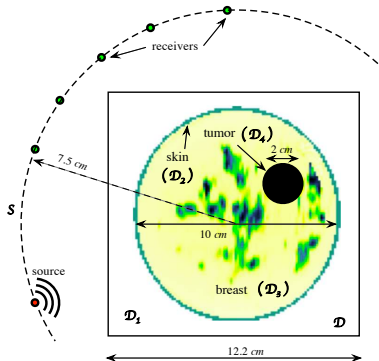
(with H. Snoussi & M. Ichir)

$$\begin{cases} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} f_j(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_j(\mathbf{r}) | z_j(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{jk}, \sigma_{jk}^2) \\ p(A_{ij}) = \mathcal{N}(A_{0ij}, \sigma_{0ij}^2) \end{cases}$$



Microwave imaging for breast cancer detection

(with L. Gharsally and B. Duchêne)

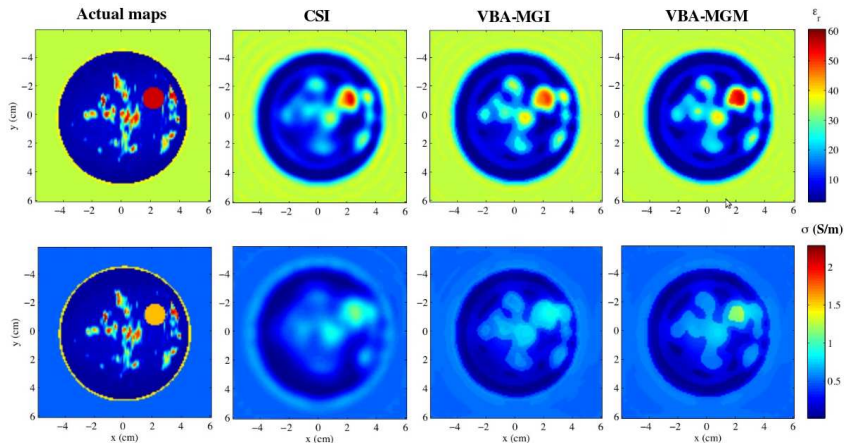


- ▶ Breast model built up from MRI scan [Zastrow et al. 2008]
- ▶ 64 sources
- ▶ 64 receivers
- ▶ 6 frequencies in the band 0.5 – 3 GHz

$\mathcal{D} = N_x \times N_y$	D1 ($\epsilon_1, \sigma_1(S/m)$)	D2 ($\epsilon_2, \sigma_2(S/m)$)	D3 ($\epsilon_3, \sigma_3(S/m)$)	D4 ($\epsilon_3, \sigma_3(S/m)$)
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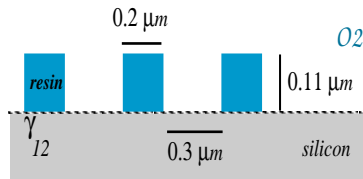
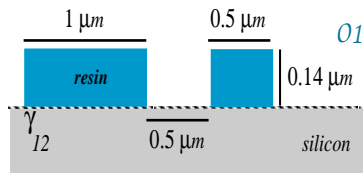
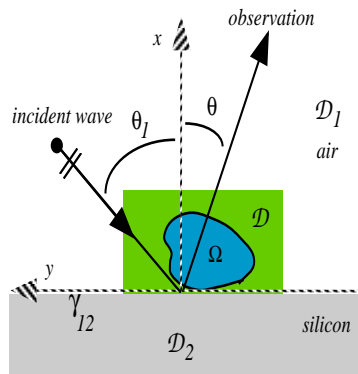
Microwave imaging for breast cancer detection

CSI: Contrast Source Inversion, VBA: Variational Bayesian Approach,
MGI: Independent Gaussian mixture, MGM: Gauss-Markov mixture

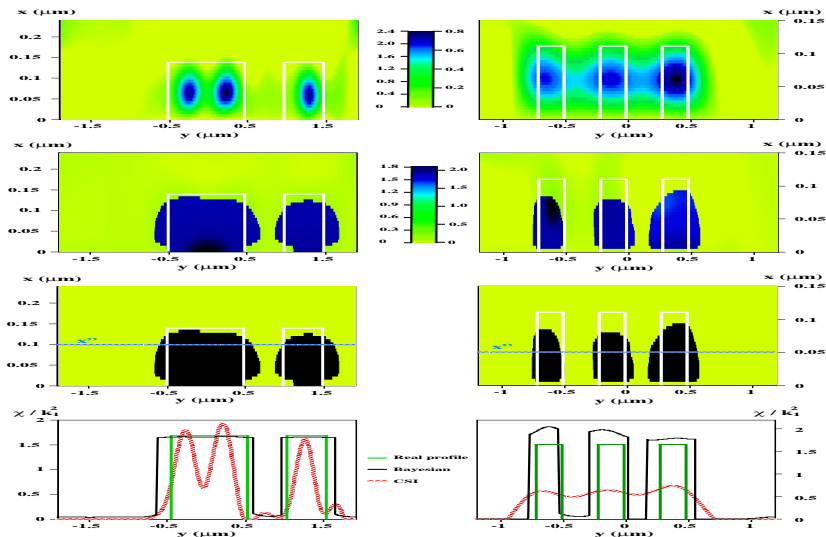


Optical Diffraction Tomographic imaging

(with H. Ayasso and B. Duchêne)



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Conclusions

- ▶ **Sparsity**: a great property to use in signal and image processing
- ▶ Origine: **Sampling theory** and reconstruction, modeling and representation **Compressed Sensing, Approximation theory**
- ▶ Deterministic Algorithms: **Optimization of a two termes criterion**, penalty term, regularization term
- ▶ Probabilistic: **Bayesian approach**
- ▶ Sparsity enforcing priors: Simple heavy tailed and Hierarchical with hidden variables.
- ▶ **Gauss-Markov-Potts models** for images incorporating hidden regions and contours
- ▶ Main Bayesian computation tools: **JMAP, MCMC and VBA**
- ▶ Application in different imaging system (X ray CT, Microwaves, PET, ultrasound and microwave imaging)

Current Projects:

- ▶ Efficient implementation in 2D and 3D cases
- ▶ Comparison between MCMC and VBA methods

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Questions, Discussions, Open mathematical problems

- ▶ Sparsity representation, low rank matrix decomposition
 - ▶ Sparsity and positivity or other constraints
 - ▶ Group sparsity
 - ▶ Algorithmic and implementation issues for great dimensional applications (Big Data)
 - ▶ Joint estimation of Dictionary and coefficients
- ▶ Optimization of the KL divergence for Variational Bayesian Approximation
 - ▶ Convergency of alternate optimization
 - ▶ Other possible algorithms
- ▶ Properties of the obtained approximation
 - ▶ Does the moments of q 's corresponds to the moments of p ?
 - ▶ How about any other statistics: entropy, ...
- ▶ Other divergency or Distance measures?
- ▶ Using Sparsity as a prior in Inverse Problems
- ▶ Applications in Medical imaging, Non Destructive Testing (NDT) Industrial Imaging, Communication, Geophysical imaging, Radio Astronomy, ...